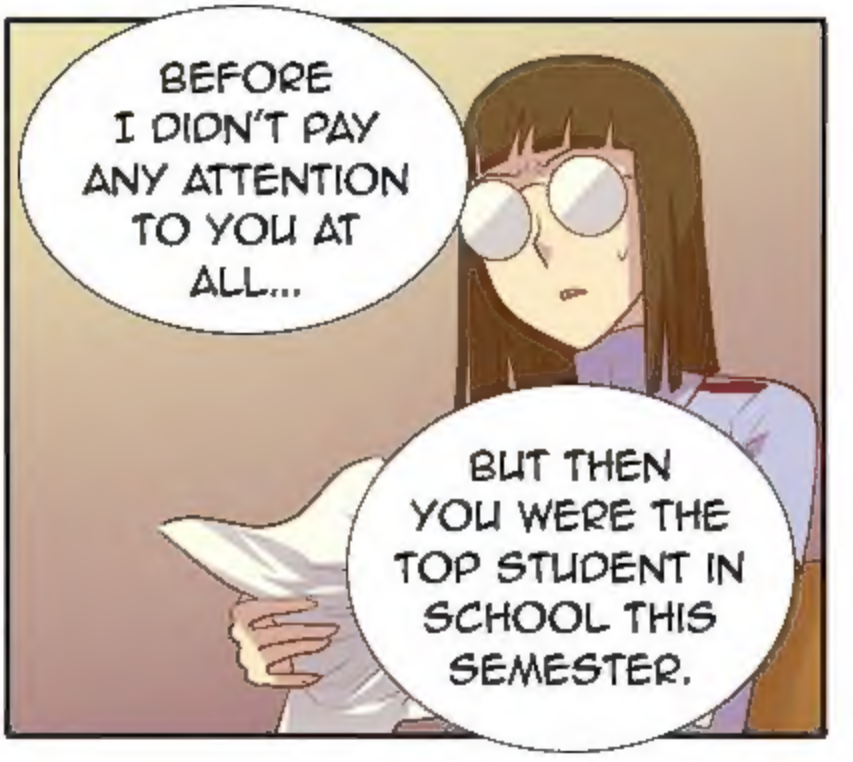
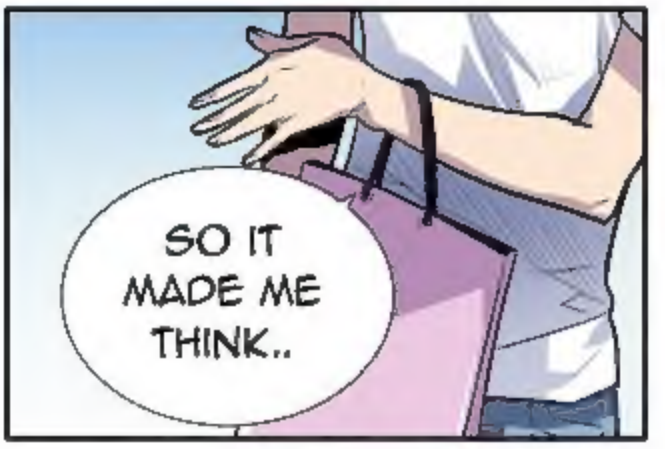
THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG

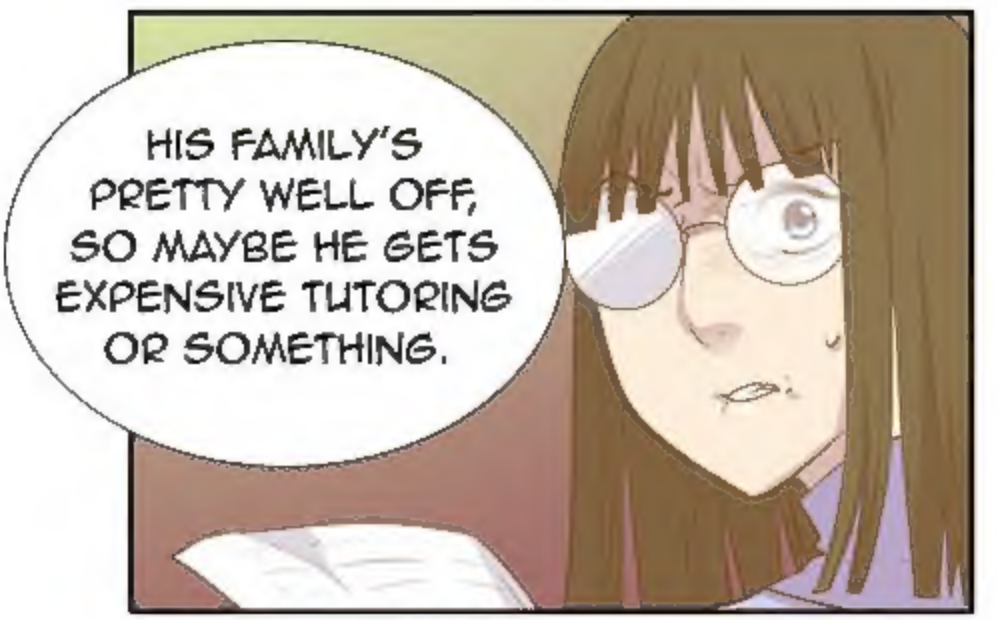
ILLUST BY SANG-A


BEFORE I DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO YOU AT ALL...
BUT THEN YOU WERE THE TOP STUDENT IN SCHOOL THIS SEMESTER.

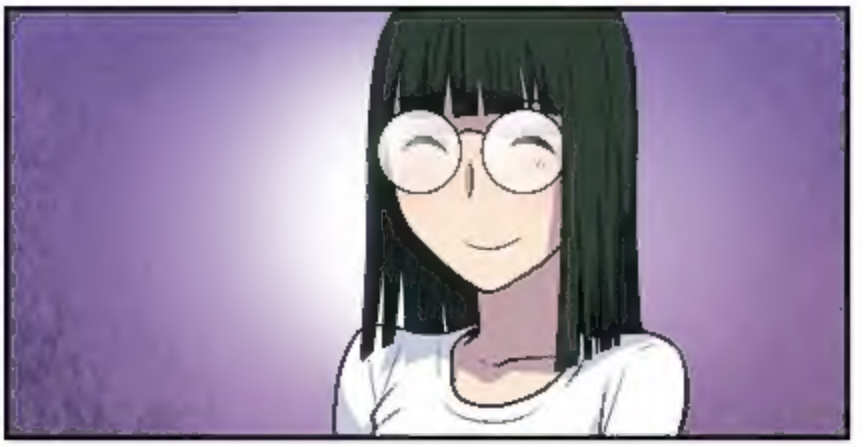
AH... THAT.

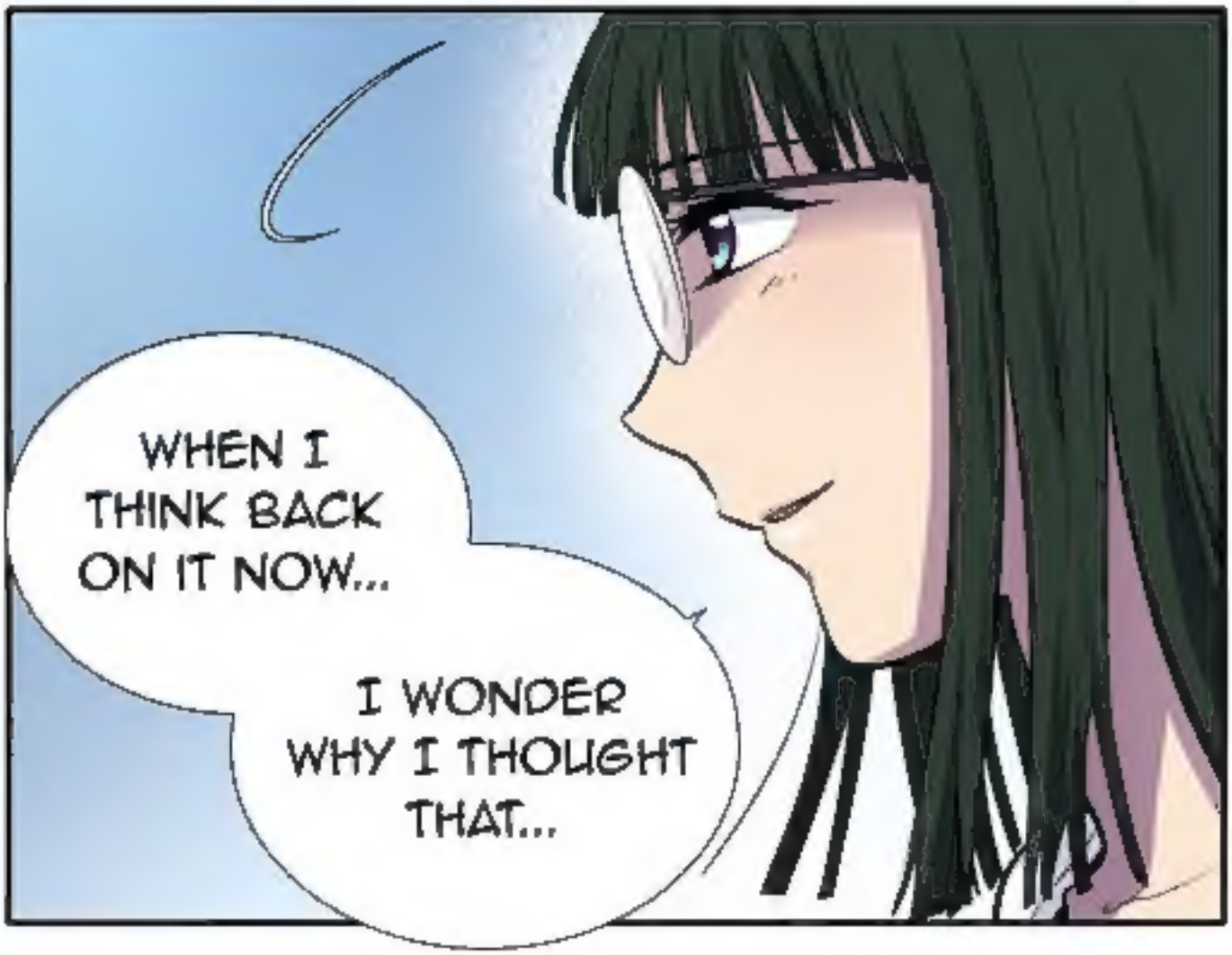

SO IT MADE ME THINK..

I HEARD ALL HE EVER DOES IS PLAY GAMES, SO HOW COULD HE BE THE TOP STUDENT?


HIS FAMILY'S PRETTY WELL OFF, SO MAYBE HE GETS EXPENSIVE TUTORING OR SOMETHING.

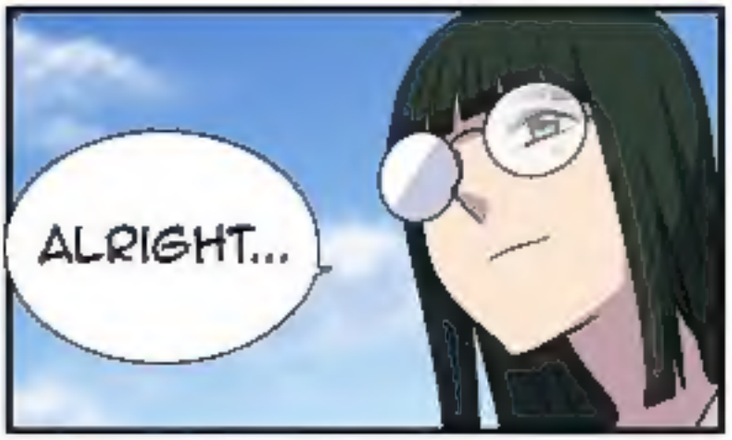
COULD THE STORIES ABOUT HIM GAMING ALL THE TIME BE LIES?

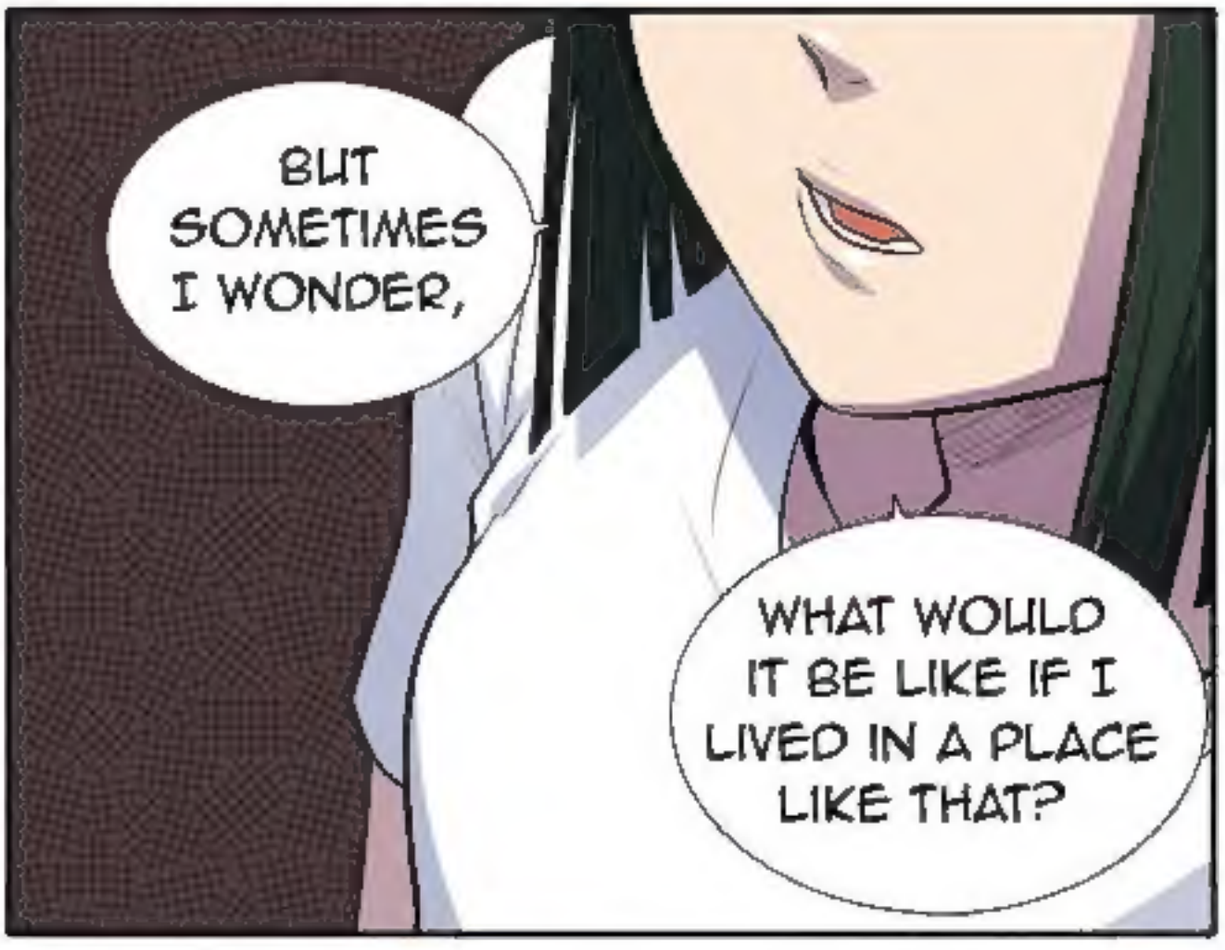



WHEN I THINK BACK ON IT NOW...
I WONDER WHY I THOUGHT THAT...

I'M SURE YOU'VE WORKED JUST AS HARD TO GET WHERE YOU ARE.
I GUESS SO.

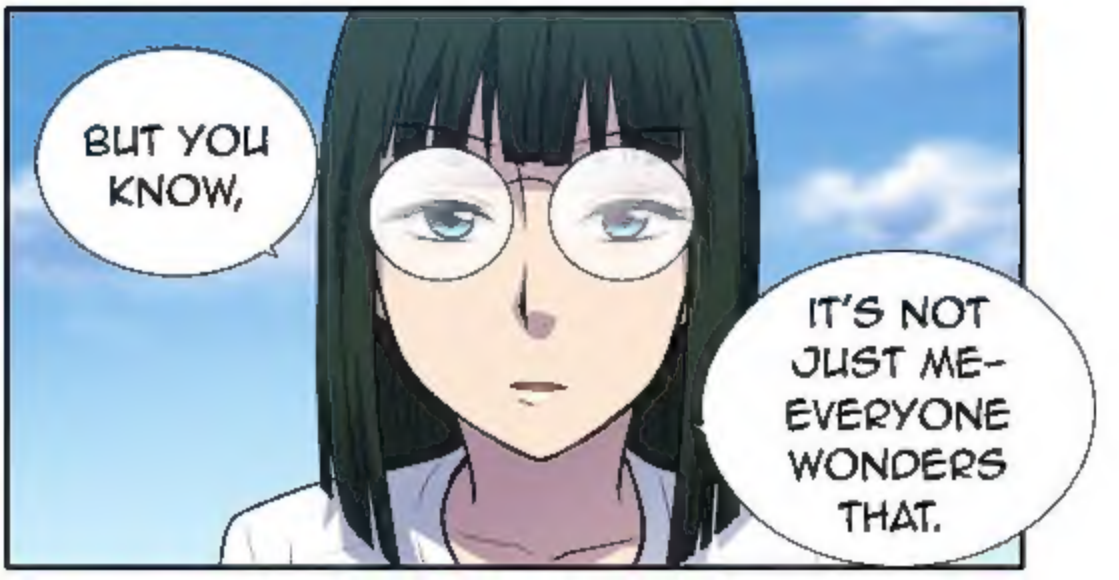
SO THE ABYSS... IS DANGEROUS, RIGHT?
YEAH.
AND YOU THINK THAT I SHOULDN'T GO THERE.
RIGHT.


ALRIGHT...


BUT SOMETIMES I WONDER,
WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE IF I LIVED IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?

THAT'S NOT REALLY A GOOD THING TO THINK ABOUT...

YOU THINK SO?

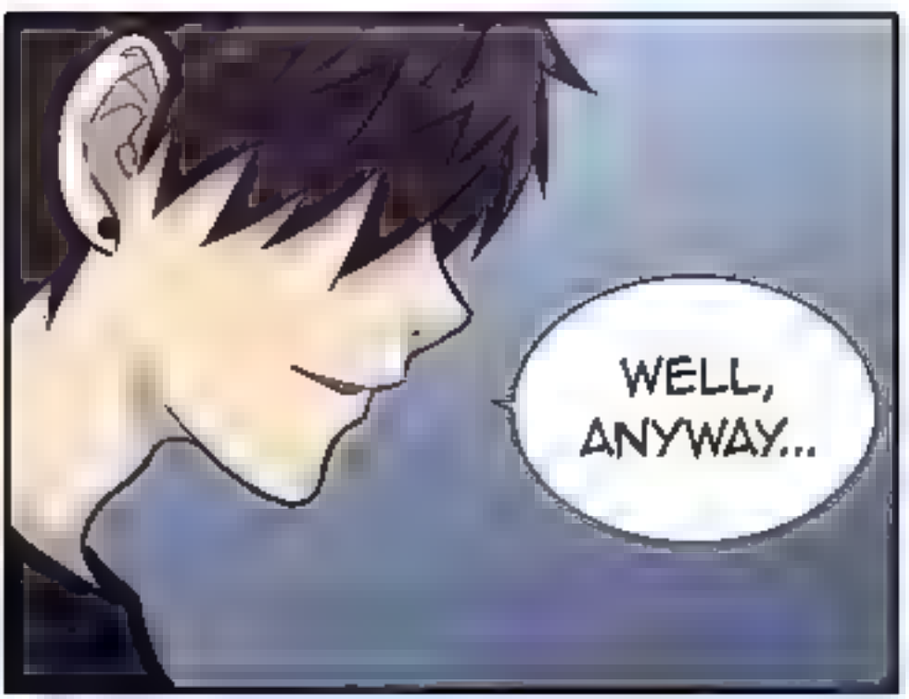

BUT YOU KNOW,
IT'S NOT JUST ME- EVERYONE WONDERS THAT.

NO DREAMS.
JUST STRUGGLING TO GET BY IN EVERYDAY LIFE.
SINCE THAT'S WHAT STUDYING IS.

THAT'S WHY PEOPLE DREAM OF BREAKING FREE.
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S WHY PEOPLE ENJOY COMICS AND MOVIES?

I WAS... SO SCARED TODAY...
BUT IT WAS ALSO KIND OF FUN.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE A CHOICE, ANYWAY.


WELL, ANYWAY...

ALRIGHT. GO ON INSIDE.
ALRIGHT.

HESITATE
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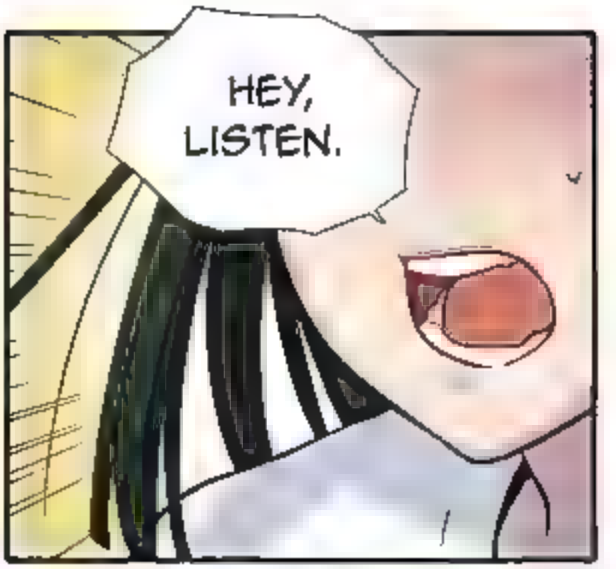

HEY, LISTEN.

CAN WE HANG OUT TOGETHER SOMETIMES?

HUH?

N-
NEVERMIND.
TAP
WELL, SEE YOU AFTER VACATION'S OVER!

UH,
UHH...

YOU COULD AT LEAST TELL ME WHY YOU SUDDENLY SAID THAT BEFORE WALKING AWAY.

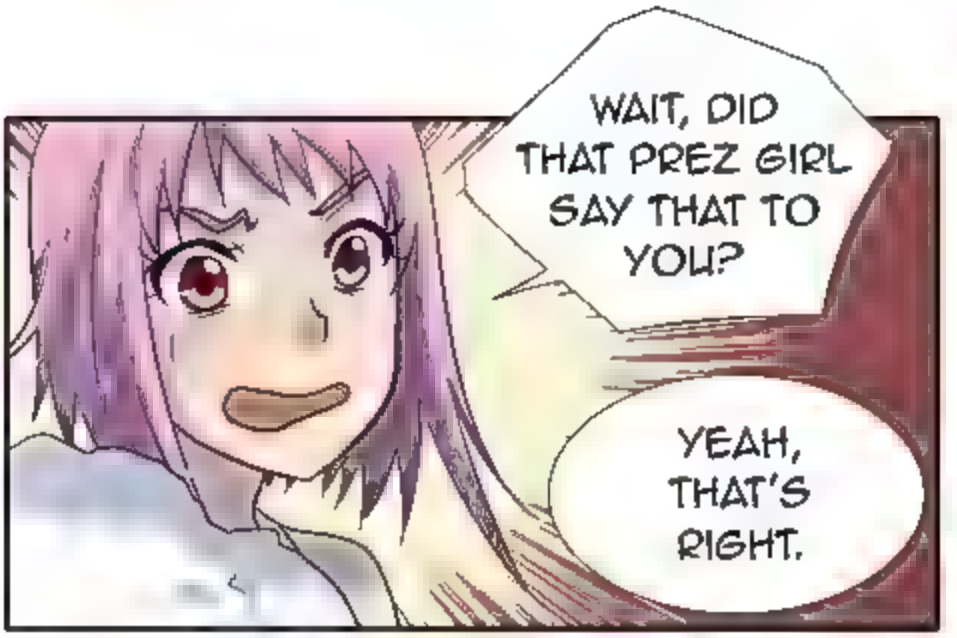
THE GAMER

THERE'S A REASON WHY MY MASTER'S SO SCANTILY CLAD.
SHE ENJOYS POKING FUN AT MY REACTION TO THE WAY SHE DRESSES.

THAT'S WHY I PURPOSELY DIDN'T COMMENT ON WHAT SHE WAS WEARING.
HEY, MASTER.

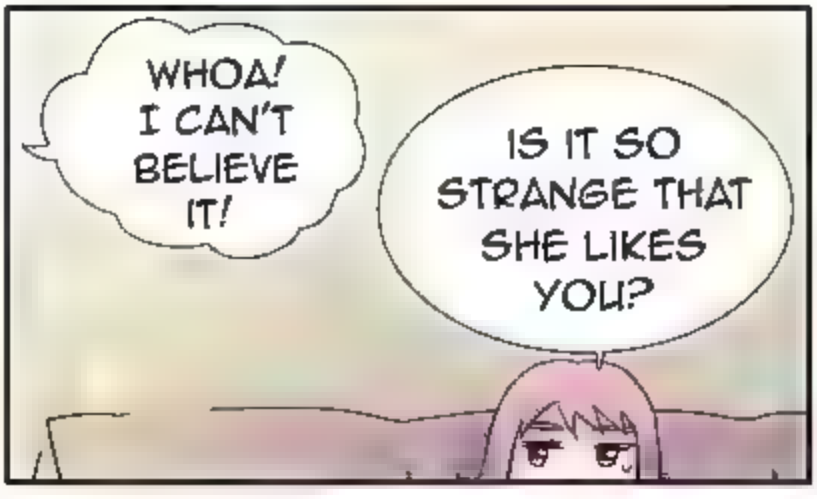
WHAT?

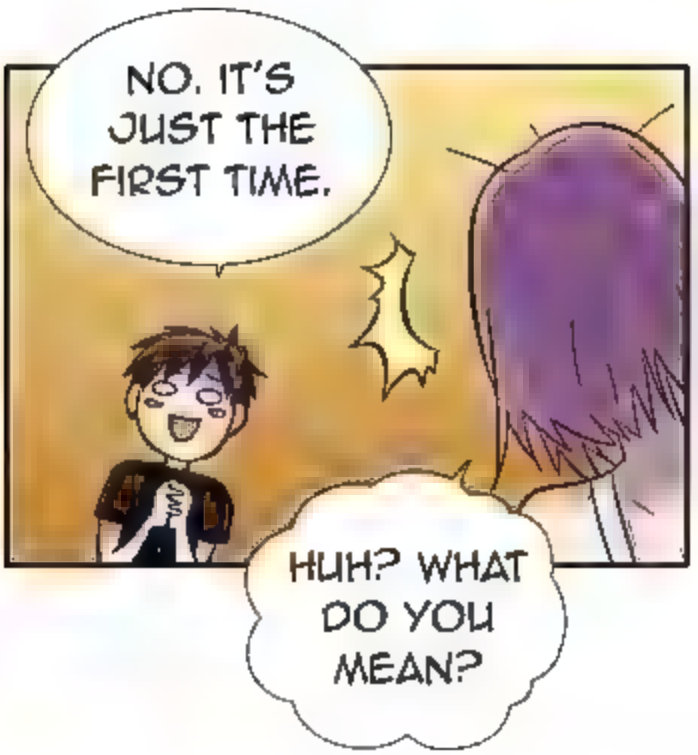
WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF A GIRL ASKS YOU: "CAN WE HANG OUT TOGETHER SOMETIMES?"
WHAT?


WAIT, DID THAT PREZ GIRL SAY THAT TO YOU?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT THIS IS. IT'S THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE EFFECT.
WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

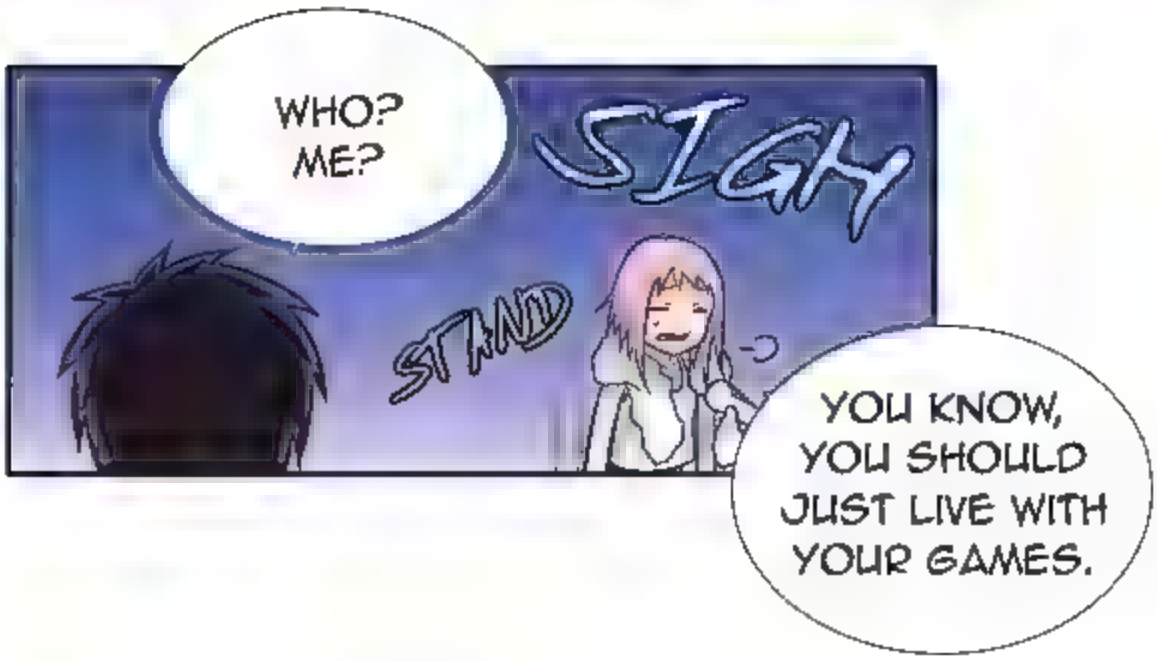
IT MEANS THAT SHE'S JUST TEMPORARILY INTERESTED IN YOU.
WOW! SO A GIRL IS ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN ME!


WHOA! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
IS IT SO STRANGE THAT SHE LIKES YOU?


NO. IT'S JUST THE FIRST TIME.
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

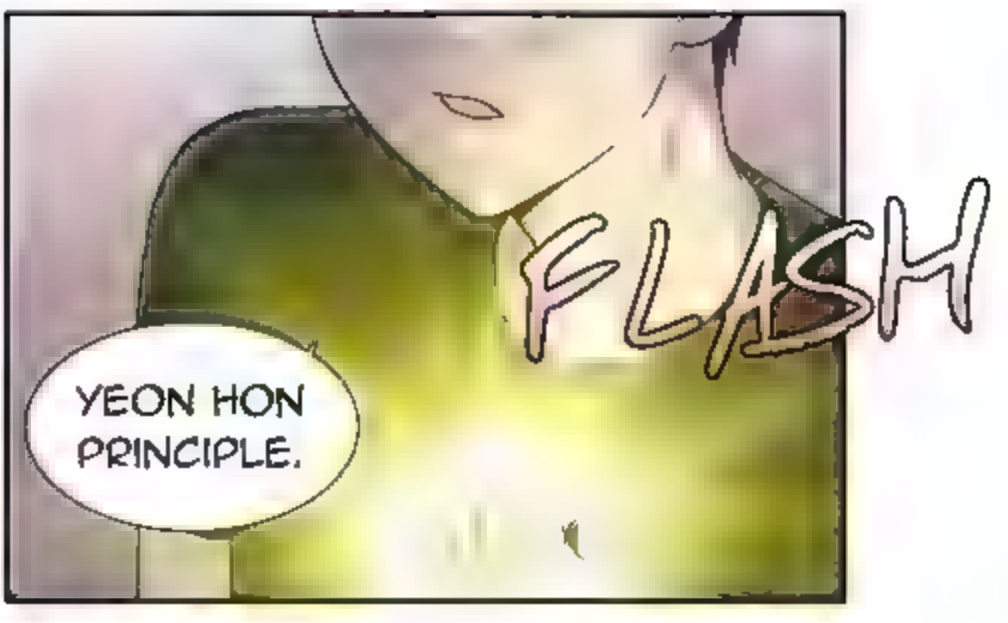
HM? WHY?

WELL, THERE ARE GIRLS LIKE SHIYEON OR SEONG-A, YOU KNOW.
HUH? YOU MEAN THEY LIKE SOMEONE?

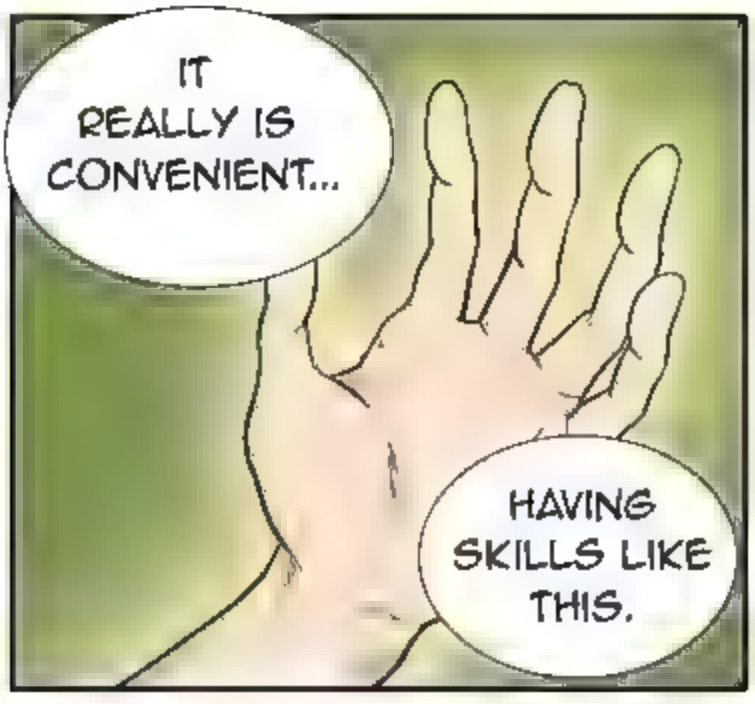

WHO? ME?
SIGH
STAND
YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD JUST LIVE WITH YOUR GAMES.

MASTER! MASTER!

MAN. WHY DID SHE HAVE TO GET ME ALL CURIOUS AND THEN JUST LEAVE?


FLASH
YEON HON PRINCIPLE.

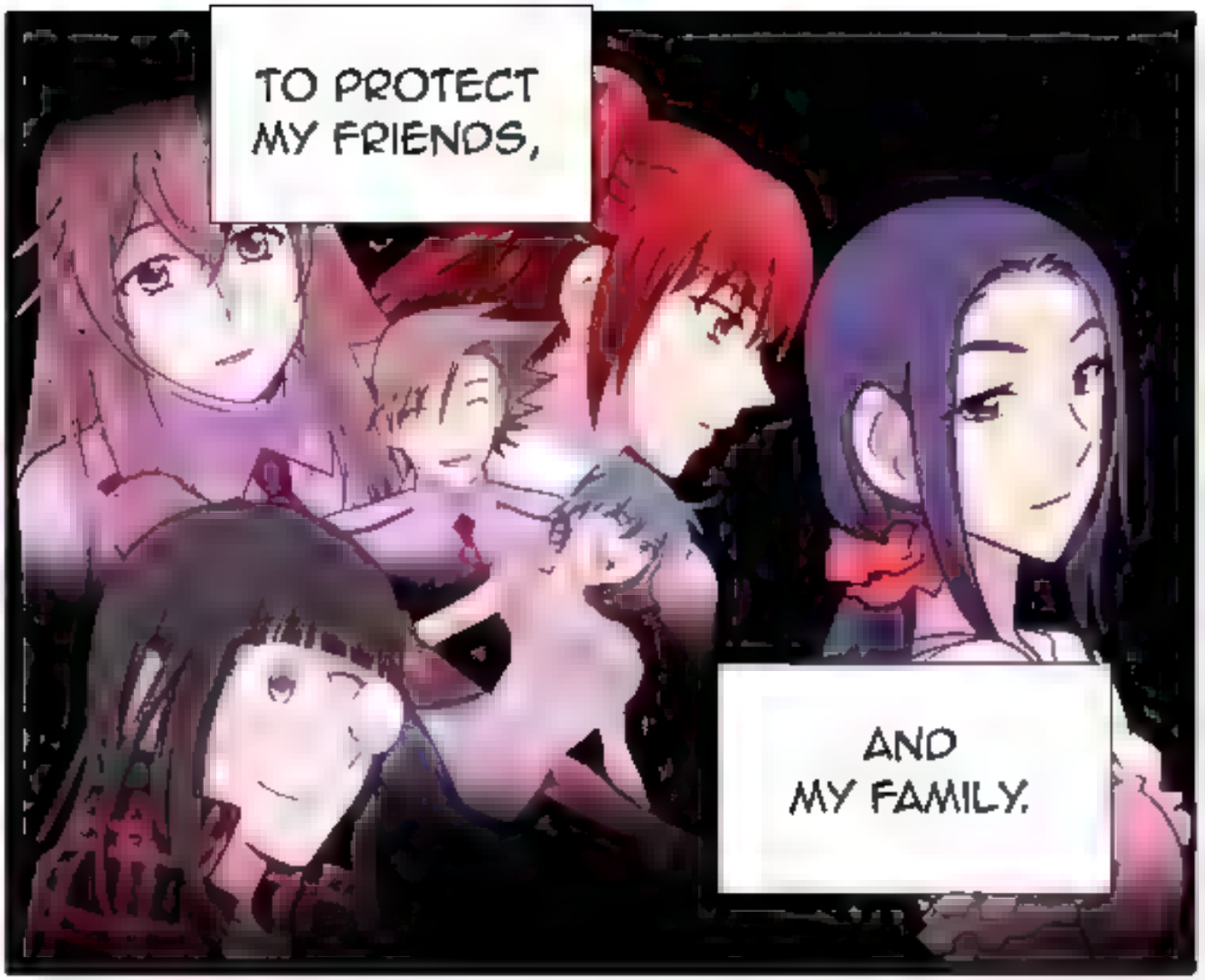
I'M HEALED...
FLASH


IT REALLY IS CONVENIENT...
HAVING SKILLS LIKE THIS.

I NEED TO FOCUS ON GETTING STRONGER.

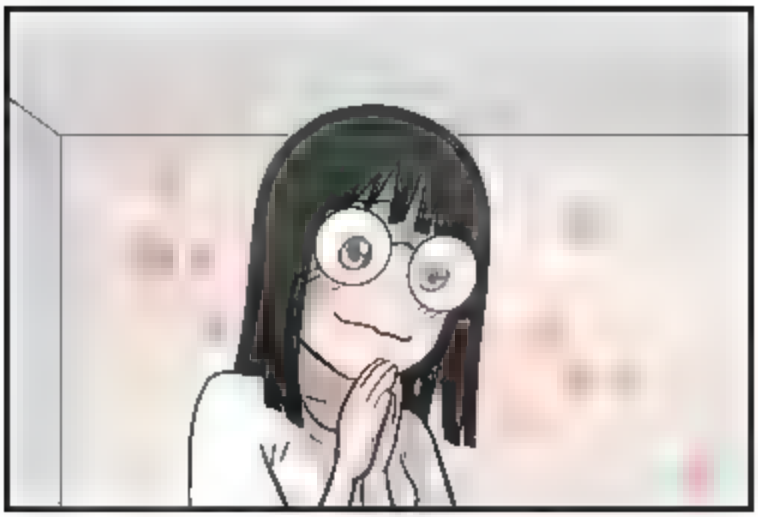
MY MASTER IS RIGHT.
THE ABYSS IS A BRUTAL PLACE.

ULTIMATELY, THE ONLY THING THAT CAN PROTECT ME IS MY OWN STRENGTH.


TO PROTECT
MY FRIENDS,
AND
MY FAMILY.

I NEED TO GET STRONGER.
TO THE POINT WHERE EVEN HEARING MY NAME WILL SCARE PEOPLE.

JUST LIKE THAT
"IRREGULAR MAGICIAN" I SOMETIMES HEAR ABOUT.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I ASKED A GUY OUT ON A DATE...
TEEHEE
HEHE
HU
JIHAN WAS SO FLUSTERED.

HA HA

I-I SHOULD GO SHOPPING JUST IN CASE!
STEP

TOO BAD.
I REALLY DO HATE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE WITCH OF SLAUGHTER...

...WHO ARE YOU?

PEOPLE GET ABDUCTED IN THE ABYSS ALL THE TIME.

SSK

JIHAN...

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